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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Examiner:

APPLICATION NO: TBA

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FOR: AUTOCLAVABLE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS
CONTAINING A CHELATING AGENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application. Therefore, no fees are required. If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

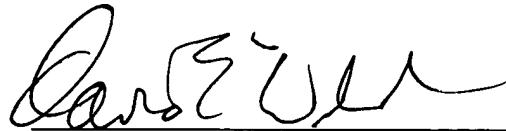
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

Some of the listed references are of record in parent Application No. 09/616,151 filed July 14, 2000, and copies are available therein. However, applicant is willing to send copies of any or all of these references at the Examiner's request.

Some of the listed references were cited in a search report in a corresponding European application. Copies of these references and the search report are enclosed herewith. A translation of the full text of JP62277323 is submitted herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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